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TOPIC

1. Soviet Troops in Szekesfehervar, Kecskemet, Cegled and Debrecen.

2. Soviet Troop Shipments and Motor-vehicle Numbers in Hungary.

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REMARKS

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1. On 11 October 1952, a Soviet unit was located in the old barracks installation on the east side of the Zamoly (Q 48/Z 01) road in the northern sector of the city of Szekesfehervar (Q 48/Z 0). A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets stood at the western entrance of the installation. Two soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia walked along the wire fence, about 2 meters high, supported by concrete pillars and enclosing the east and north sides and half the west side of the installation. Another wall, about 2 meters high, was along the rest of the west side and the south side of the installation. Eight men were observed in the courtyard of the installation, which consisted of 1 three-story EM quarters, 2 two-story apartment houses, 1 single-story storehouse and 4 buildings similar to garages, the easternmost of which was an I-shaped structure.

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One sentry each, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, stood at the northern entrances of the two old barracks installations on the south side of Voeroeshadsereg Street, which were partitioned by an unidentified street. About 10 soldiers were observed between a four-story building with the inscription Gyalogsagi Laktanya (i.e. Infantry Barracks) and three three-story buildings in the eastern installation. About 9 soldiers and

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were observed through an entrance at the west side of the installation, which included 2 four-story buildings and 1 shed.¹

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2. On 13 October 1952, a Soviet train of 2 boxcars and 10 flatcars came from Szekesfehervar and headed toward Hajnasker (P 48/D 79). The flatcars were loaded with 2 JS-3 tanks, 2 T-34/85 tanks and 5 SU-67 guns, which were escorted by an unidentified number of soldiers.

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3. On 10 October 1952, only four soldiers and trucks [REDACTED] 25X1C
 were observed in the former Rudolf Kaserne on the north side of Izsaki
 Street in Kecskemet (Y 6/W 35). About 200 young soldiers wearing red-bordered
 black epaulets were observed in the courtyard and in the barracks building
 of the former Erzsebet Kaserne on the south side of Izsaki Street, which
 was guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Six Soviets 25X1C
 wearing overalls worked on several motor vehicles including jeep [REDACTED]
 in the Soviet motor-vehicle repair shop on the south side of Izsaki Street,
 which was guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Truck
 25X1C [REDACTED] entered the barracks installation on the west side of Honved
 Street which is the main entrance. [REDACTED] 25X1C
 driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation
 through another entrance. Sentries were not posted at the entrances. No
 activity was observed in the former Ferenc Jozsef Kaserne located on the
 south side of the Dozsa Gyorgy Kaserne. It was guarded by soldiers wearing
 red-bordered black epaulets. Only two officers were observed. A soldier
 wearing red-bordered black epaulets stood at the entrance of the building
 on the northeast side of Szecheny Square bearing the Hungarian inscription
 Iparos Otthon (i.e. Workers' Home). He did not have a weapon. About 10
 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with about 5 wearing tank
 insignia were observed on the platform.³ [REDACTED]

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4. On 9 October 1952, 23 soldiers were observed in the former Cavalry Barracks
 on the south side of Szolnoki Street in Cegléd (Q 48/O 03), which was
 guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.
 About 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including an
 unidentified number of men wearing tank insignia were observed at an
 athletic contest, which was held in the barracks installation on the north-
 east side of Toerteli Street. The gate was guarded by a soldier. Trucks
 25X1C [REDACTED] were parked in an open shed in the southeastern
 section of the installation. A canvas-covered tank equipped with five
 large bogie wheels and no track-supporting rollers was parked near the
 fence. A soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets guarded the billets
 or the depot directly west of this barracks installation. A soldier wearing
 unbordered black epaulets with small-tank emblems guarded the building at
 1, Rakoczi Street. Another soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with
 tank insignia guarded the building at 11, Rakoczi Street. No activity was
 observed in either of the two buildings. One T-34/85 tank escorted by two
 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and one SU-76 gun were loaded
 25X1C on two flatcars at the loading ramp of the railroad station.³ Motorcycle 25X1C
 with sidecar [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] driven by a soldier
 wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed in the town area.²

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7. On 3 and 4 October 1952, a room in the building of the Debrecen (R 48/K 40) railroad station was reserved to Soviet military personnel. On 6 October 1952, a Soviet troop shipment of 35 boxcars arrived at the railroad station from the direction of Nyiregyhaza (R 48/K 55). The train carried soldiers, about 20 years of age, wearing black epaulets. Later, another Soviet troop shipment of about 45 boxcars arrived at the railroad station from the direction of Budapest. The first 15 cars carried soldiers, about 25 years of age, wearing partly black and partly blue service color. The other 30 cars were loaded.⁴ On 3 October 1952, [REDACTED] driven by a soldier, and carrying men, wearing black service color, proceeded on the road from Debrecen toward Mikepoces (R 48/P 49). On 6 October,

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[REDACTED] wearing blue service color with winged-propeller insignia, was parked in front of the four-story building at No 11, Hunyadi Street. A soldier wearing an unidentified service color guarded the building. Two Soviet officers wearing blue service color were seen looking out from the windows of the third story.⁴

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The old barracks installation on the east side of the road to Zamoly, in the northern sector of the city, was believed, in the summer of 1951, to be still occupied by Hungarian troops. A previous report stated that the two old barracks installations on the south side of Voereshadsereg Street were occupied by Soviet units.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. In view of the light occupation of several installations in Kecskemet and Cegled, it is believed that the elements of the 2d Gds Mecz Div stationed at the posts are still on maneuvers. The personnel left at the posts included guards, repair personnel and recruits.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop shipments are believed to have carried inductees from, and discharges to, the U.S.S.R. The building at No 11, Hunyadi Street may be occupied by an air force headquarters, presumably in connection with the use, by the Soviets, of Debrecen airfield.

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